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SUBJECT: RESOLUTIONS OBJECTING TO PROPOSED ARMS SALES

INTRODUCED BY SENATORS NELSON AND PROXMIRE

1. AMBASSADOR ESENBEL QUERIED ASST SECY HARTMAN ABOUT
RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED SEPT 7 BY SENATORS NELSON AND PROX-
MIRE OBJECTING TO ADMINISTRATION NOTIFICATIONS REGARDING
ARMS SALES TO SOME 11 COUNTRIES (AUSTRALIA, GERMANY, IRAN,
ISRAEL, KOREA, MOROCCO, NORWAY, PAKISTAN, PHILIPPINES,
SAUDI ARABIA, AND SINGAPORE.) ESENBEL WAS INFORMED THAT
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TURKEY WAS NOT INCLUDED IN ANY OF THE FMS NOTIFICATIONS

OBJECTED TO BY THE SENATORS. THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS PROVIDED FOR YOUR BACKGROUND SHOULD THE TURKS RAISE THE SUBJECT IN ANKARA.

2. NELSON IN A SEPT 7 PRESS RELEASE EXPLAINED HIS VIEW THAT US ARMS SALES POLICY "IS SIMPLY IN SHAMBLES" AS THERE IS LITTLE IF ANY EVIDENCE THAT THE ADMINISTRATION HAS GIVEN ADEQUATE THOUGHT TO THE LONG-RANGE DIPLOMATIC OR MILITARY CONSEQUENCES OF WEAPONS TRANSFERS TO NEWLY OIL-RICH PERSIAN GULF AND NEAR EAST NATIONS. "THE FOREIGN POLICY IMPLICATIONS OF THESE PROPOSED SALES ARE ENORMOUS," HE SAID, " AND CONGRESS CERTAINLY SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN MAKING A DECISION AS SIGNIFICANT AS THIS."

NELSON INTRODUCED RESOLUTIONS AGAINST ALL 37 FMS CASES, INVOLVING 11 COUNTRIES LISTED ABOVE, REPORTED TO CONGRESS SEPT 1 BY THE DOD PURSUANT TO SECTION 36(B) OF THE ARMS EXPORT CONTROL ACT. NELSON'S PURPOSE IS TO PERSUADE THE CONGRESS TO TAKE MORE SERIOUSLY THE REVIEW MECHANISM FOR ALL MAJOR ARMS SALES UNDER THE TERMS OF SECTION 36(B), OF WHICH SENATOR NELSON WAS THE PRINCIPAL SPONSOR, RE-QUIRING PRIOR NOTIFICATION TO CONGRESS OF PENDING LOA'S FOR SALE OF ANY DEFENSE ARTICLES OR SERVICES FOR \$25 MILLION OR MORE OR MAJOR DEFENSE EQUIPMENT FOR \$7 MILLION OR MORE.

3. PROXMIRE LIMITED HIS OBJECTIONS TO SALES TO IRAN, PAKISTAN, PHILIPPINES, SAUDI ARABIA AND SINGAPORE. KISSINGER

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